

April 26, 2017

Memorandum

To: Administrator E. Scott Pruitt

From: Aaron Ringel, DAA OCIR

Cc: Troy Lyons, AA OCIR

• Ryan Jackson, COS

Re: House Republican Conference "Meet the Cabinet" Series Speaking Event on 4/27/2017

PURPOSE: At the request of The White House, you are scheduled to speak before the House Republican Conference as part of their "Meet the Cabinet" series. Five cabinet members have previously addressed the group. The series is intended to provide members of the Republican Conference an opportunity to hear directly from the heads of each agency within the administration about their priorities as well as field questions from those in attendance.

AGENDA: Conference Chair Cathy McMorris Rodgers to kick off Meet the Cabinet Series and House Energy and Conference, Subcommittee on Environment Chairman John Shimkus will moderate Q&A section. You will give remarks/update on the agenda and state of the EPA followed by Q&A session with House Members in attendance.

FORMAT:

- Arrive at the Capitol at 9:00am to mingle with members for 5-10 minutes before event begins. Capitol Police will provide an escort to HC5.
- Rep. McMorris Rogers will provide a 5-minute introduction following which you will have roughly 15 minutes of remarks followed by Q&A.
 - These remarks are expected to be very topline, potentially focusing on EPA "back to basics," recent actions taken by the agency and what you see as a priority for the future.
 - Traditionally questions have been very easy, most members tend to simply express their appreciation for the work you have done at the EPA so far and encourage further action on certain issues.
 - The most difficult question we can expect is on the proposed budget and your take on how to adequately carry out the EPA's mission at this level.
 - We expect 10-15 minutes of members seeking to speak with you personally as you exit. Members may also seek to hand you letters or proposals they have brought with them to the event, staff will be on hand to ensure these are handled appropriately.

BACKGROUND ON HOUSE REPUBLICAN CONFERENCE:

The House Republican Conference serves as the organizational forum to elect party leaders at the outset of each new Congress. The conference meets on a weekly basis to discuss party policy, pending legislative issues, and other matters of mutual concern. The House Republican Conference Chairman presides over conference meetings, which are composed of all members of the Republican party. The chair is elected by the conference and serves as a member of the Republican leadership.

BIOS:



REP. CATHY MCMORRIS ROGERS (R-WA05)
HOUSE REPUBLICAN CONFERENCE CHAIR

Elected in 2005, in her role as House Republican Conference Chair Rep. McMorris Rogers is the highest ranking woman in Congress. Before being elected to Congress she served in the Washington House of Representatives, where she was the minority leader.



REP. JOHN SHIMKUS (R-IL15)
*CHAIRMAN, HOUSE ENERGY AND COMMERCE COMMITTEE,
SUBCOMMITTEE ON ENVIRONMENT*

Prior to his election to Congress in 1996, Rep. Shimkus served as Collinsville, IL Township Trustee and then later Madison County Treasure. He attended the United States Military Academy at West Point, New York, in 1980. After graduation he served both on active duty and the reserves in the Army. After 28 years of military service Rep. Shimkus retired with the rank of Lieutenant Colonel on June 1, 2008.